GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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VISIT OF TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER
Singh Shri Uday

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Foreign Minister of Turkey has recently visited India;

(b) if so, the details of the discussions held and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether the Foreign Minister of Turkey has offered any alternative to the Iranian Gas pipeline proposal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a) Yes.

(b) The two sides held discussions on bilateral, regional and multilateral issues. An Agreement for abolition of visas for holders of diplomatic passports between the two countries was signed.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.